

Weekly Status & Information Report: August 15 - 19, 2011

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of August 22, 2011:

- Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, August 23, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room

- Takoma Park Board of Elections meeting, Wednesday, August 24, 7 p.m. in the Third Floor Council Conference Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact jessiec@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

2. 6413 Orchard Avenue (Ward 3): The preliminary plan for a storage facility at 6413 Orchard Avenue was reviewed at the M-NCPPC Development Review Committee meeting on Monday, August 15. The issues of traffic, on-street parking, and buffering from adjacent land uses were discussed. For more information, contact Carman Lam at 301-891-7219, or CarmanL@takomagov.org. *(Housing & Community Development)*

3. Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball Camp is a Hoops Success! It was a fun-filled week for participants in the Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball Camp at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. This year's camp was led by the inspirational and enthusiastic Don Bosco High School Athletic Director and Boys Head Basketball Coach, Frank Simpson. Campers had a fun week. The campers had two guest speakers who spoke to them about the importance of commitment, teamwork, character and being a winner on and off the court. The speakers were two former DeMatha High School graduates, Gregory Harris (Boys Head Basketball Coach, H.D. Woodson High School) & Travis Lyons (Assistant Men's Basketball Coach, Howard University). Campers participated in various drills that have assisted their development in dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding and defense. They also had the opportunity to put these skills to the test in 5-on-5 games, 3-on-3 games and skill/station challenges. In addition to basketball skills, participants attended the Long Branch and Takoma Overlook swimming pools. All of the campers received free ink pens, stickers and dental literature from Kool Smiles Dental Office. This week's camp ending treat included a cook-out that was sponsored by the Takoma Park Lions Club and Coach Simpson. Good luck to all of the campers as they prepare to go back to school! *(Recreation)*

4. Senior Day at the Fair: Tuesday, August 16, was Senior Day at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Twenty seniors traveled by Recreation bus to this good old-fashioned county fair to enjoy animal and agricultural exhibits, craft shows, commercial vendor booths, live entertainment, and festival foods. The weather was fabulous, and seniors received a special coupon this year for "free" ice cream! *(Recreation)*

5. Learn How to Edit Videos this Fall: Looking for something fun to do this fall? How about create your own video! Enhance your digital storytelling skills using the power of the Final Cut Studio. Final projects for each class will be short videos that you create and are yours to keep. For class information please contact John Pitt, Class Instructor, at 202-413-0648, or by email at johnpitt22@hotmail.com. For registration information, please contact Gregory Clark, Deputy Recreation Director, at 301-891-7227, or at gregoryc@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

6. Farewell to Debra Haidunen, Recreation Director: This past week was filled with farewells and well wishes for Recreation Director Debra Haidunen as her last day swiftly approached. Several community leaders, former employees, parents, participants and City employees have all showered Debra with love, gratitude and appreciation for her 10 years of dedicated service to the Takoma Park community. Debra's last day with the City is this Friday, August 19, and the Recreation Department would like to wish her well as she embarks upon a new chapter in her life! *(Recreation)*

7. Teen Fun! On Wednesday, August 17, teens participated in their last summer fun trip to Adventure Park, USA, in Frederick, Maryland. From Adventure Park's indoor laser tag, zip lining and arcade lounge to go carts, bumper boats and a roller coaster, teens were given unlimited access to all of the activities listed and then some. *(Recreation)*

8. Back To School Teen Cook Out: The teens brought the summer in with a picnic and will end their summer with a Back to School cook out. On Thursday, August 25, teens are welcome to join in the festivities at the basketball court from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Included in this event will be food, music, games, raffles and gift card prizes for several contests. In addition, teens can earn SSL hours by providing assistance preparing this event and clean up after the event. For more information, please contact Faye Wright at 301-891-7283. *(Recreation)*

9. Another Great Year in Store for Afternoon Addition: The Morning and Afternoon Addition program is proud to announce that the Afternoon Addition program has reached capacity for the 2011-2012 school year. There are still a few spaces left in Morning Addition. This year's program is ready for new participants with outdoor play, games, homework time, Taekwondo with Master Lois Schoenbrun, Art with Ms. Rain and other special clubs and activities. For more information regarding Morning or Afternoon Addition, please contact Carey Antoszewski at 301-891-7233 or email at careya@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

10. Teens Head to the Mystics Game: Fifteen tickets to the Washington Mystics game were donated to the Recreation Department Teen Program for the Thursday, August 18th game at the Verizon Center. Teens will be transported to the game by

Recreation staff from the Takoma Park Community and Recreation Center. To register your child to attend the game please contact Teen Manager Faye Wright at 301-891-7283 or email at fayew@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

11. **The Reading Group:** Join us on Wednesday, September 7, when the Friends Reading Group will discuss "The Quiet American" by Graham Greene. The reviewer for the London Daily Express called it "...as near a masterpiece as anything else I have ever read in the last 20 years." The discussion will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room. All are welcome! (Library)

12. **Book Donations:** The Library is now accepting donations of quality fiction and non-fiction for its fall book sale, scheduled for Saturday, October 22. Bring your donations to the Library during open hours, preferably in boxes. Larger donations (more than 2 boxes) will be accepted by appointment. No magazines or textbooks, please. (Library)

13. **The New Officer:** On August 15, 2011, Mayor Williams swore in Officer Jon Goldin, who began work on the street last night. (Police)

14. **The Chief at the Board:** On August 17, 2011, Chief Ricucci held the monthly meeting of the Police Chief's Advisory Board. (Police)

15. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 204 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, seven vehicle impounds, and four arrests.

During August 11-17, 2011, the following details were completed:

August 11, 2011

- 4th Avenue & Westmoreland Avenue (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and one impound
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (No Right Turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and two warnings

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- Prince George's Avenue & Belford Place (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail; no violations were cited

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- 700 Block Ethan Allen Avenue (No Passing Zone) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations
- 4th Avenue & Westmoreland Avenue (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail; no violations were cited
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations
- Manor Circle at Ethan Allen Avenue (Do Not Enter-No Left Turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail; no violations were cited

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- 4th Avenue at Poplar Avenue (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and two warnings.
- 4th Avenue & Westmoreland Avenue (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail; no violations were cited.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (No Right Turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four warnings.
- Manor Circle & Ethan Allen Avenue (Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- 7500 Block Carroll Avenue (LIDAR) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and two other citations
- Houston Avenue & Kennebec Avenue (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.

August 17, 2011

- Prince George's Avenue & Belford Place (Stop Sign Enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- (Police)

16. **Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes) Up to 8/18/11:**

Calls for service: 9

State Citations issued: 77

Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SEROs) issued: 7

Warnings: 2

City tickets: 4

Reports: 6

(Police)

